

We claim:

1. A method for use with a device having a plurality of actions, wherein at least some of the actions comprise a response to external stimuli, the method comprising:

- identifying a specific external stimuli;
- providing a unique audible signal that corresponds to the specific external stimuli but that does not correspond to any one of the actions, such that at least some of the external stimuli are distinguished from one another by differing audible signals.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying a specific external stimuli includes determining that the specific external stimuli is not recognized.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying a specific external stimuli includes determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a first category of stimuli.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a first category of stimuli includes determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a transmission from a remote control transmitter that includes an identifier that includes a rolling code.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a first category of stimuli includes determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a transmission from a remote control transmitter that includes an identifier that includes a fixed code.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying a specific external stimuli includes:

- providing a first unique audible signal upon determining that the specific external stimuli is not recognized;
- providing a second unique audible signal upon determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a transmission from a remote control transmitter that includes an identifier that includes a rolling code; and

- providing a third unique audible signal upon determining that the specific external stimuli comprises a transmission from a remote control transmitter that includes an identifier that includes a fixed code;

wherein the first, second, and third unique audible signals are different from one another.

7. The method of claim 1 and further comprising detecting assertion of a mute instruction, and in response thereto muting the unique audible signals that correspond to identification of the specific external stimuli.

8. The method of claim 1 and further comprising providing an audible signal to indicate a status with respect to at least one of the actions.

9. The method of claim 8 and further comprising detecting assertion of a mute instruction, and in response thereto muting the unique audible signals that correspond to identification of the specific external stimuli but not muting an audible signal as indicates a status with respect to at least one of the actions.

10. A device comprising:

- receiver means for receiving wireless communications;
- audio transducer means for providing a plurality of audible signals;
- control means operably coupled to the receiver means for:
 - receiving wireless communications;
 - responding to at least some of the wireless communications with a corresponding control action;
- diagnostic means operably coupled to the receiver means and the audio transducer means for:
 - ascertaining information regarding a source of a given wireless communication; and
 - causing provision of at least one audible signal to uniquely characterize information regarding a source of a given wireless communication independent of any control action as may also be included with the given wireless communication.

11. The device of claim 10 wherein the another device comprises a movable barrier operator.
12. The device of claim 10 and further comprising memory means operably coupled to the control means for storing identifying information regarding transmitters that are authorized to cause at least certain control signals to be provided to the another device.
13. The device of claim 10 wherein the information regarding a source of a given wireless communication includes information that corresponds to a type of transmitter identifier that the wireless communication includes.
14. The device of claim 13 wherein the type of transmitter identifier includes at least fixed code identifiers.
15. The device of claim 13 wherein the type of transmitter identifier includes at least rolling code identifiers.
16. The device of claim 13 wherein the type of transmitter identifier includes at least fixed code identifiers and rolling code identifiers.
17. The device of claim 10 and further comprising mute means for selectively muting audible signals as correspond to at least some characterizing information regarding the source of a given wireless communication.
18. The device of claim 17 wherein the mute means do not mute any audible signals as correspond to control actions that are sourced by the control means